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SUBJECT: NICOSIA SENSITIVITY TO POSSIBLE ATHENS, ANKARA ROLE

SUMMARY: GOC SHOWS SENSITIVITY TO REPORTS
OF BAYULKEN PROPOSAL TRANSFER CYPRUS QUESTION TO GREEK
TURKISH DIALOGUE, AND TO MARKEZINIS STATEMENT RE
"LEADING ROLE" OF ATHENS. END SUMMARY

1. IN RECENT DAYS GOC
HAS SHOWN SENSITIVITY TO (1) REPORTED "BAYULKEN PROPOSAL" AT
UNGA TO TRANSFER CYPRUS PROBLEM FROM DEADLOCKED INTERCOMMUNAL
TALKS TO LEVEL OF GREEK-TURKISH DIALOGUE, AND (2) MARKEZINIS
POLICY STATEMENT (ATHENS 6989) THAT ATHENS WILL PLAY LEADING,
NOT FOLLOWING ROLE IN CYPRUS QUESTION.

2. "BAYULKEN PROPOSAL." ARCHBISHOP FIRST SURFACED MATTER
OCT 6 WHEN HE DECLARED THAT IT "HAS NOT BEEN ACCEPTED" AND
WARNED TURKEY THAT "FIRST AND LAST WORD ON SOLUTION OF CYPRUS
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PROBLEM BELONGS TO GREEK CYPRIOT PEOPLE." RETURNING FONMIN

CHRISTOPHIDES OCT 8 STATED THAT BOTH KAVALLIERATOS AND UNSYG HAD REJECTED PROPOSAL. (AS FURTHER GLOSS ON OSORIO-TAFALL'S SUDDEN RETURN TO NEW YORK, PIO CHRISTODOLOU TOLD US THAT WALDHEIM HAD SUMMONED HIM SPECIFICALLY TO DISCUSS BAYULKEN SUGGESTION--A PIO LINE PERHAPS INTENDED TO SOW SUSPICIONS ABOUT ATHENS/ANKARA INTENTIONS.) TURKISH DCM KARACA DISCLAIMED KNOWLEDGE ANY SUCH PROPOSAL BUT REITERATED LONG-HELD PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR DIRECT ATHENS/ANKARA TALKS. MEANWHILE, IN Q-AND-A AFTER RESUMED INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS (1) CLERIDES SKIRTED DIRECT ANSWER ON BAYULKEN PROPOSAL BY SAYING THAT ANY "ACCEPTABLE" SOLUTION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM MUST DERIVE FROM INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, (2) OSORIO-TAFALL SAID HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE ANY SUCH PROPOSAL, AND (3) DENKTASH CLAIMED RELIABLE BUT UNOFFICIAL INFO THAT BAYULKEN HAD MADE NO SUCH PROPOSAL.

3. MARKEZINIS DECLARATION. GOVT OFFICIAL CHARACTERIZED STATEMENT AS "GENERALLY GOOD" BUT DECLINED DISCUSS IMPLICATIONS OF MARKEZINIS' METAPHOR RE "LEADING ROLE." CLERIDES CONFINED COMMENT OCT 9 TO ANODYNE OBSERVATION THAT MARKEZINIS STATEMENT WOULD NOT INFLUENCE TALKS. IN VERY BRIEF CONGRATULATORY NOTE TO MARKEZINIS, ARCHBISHOP MADE NO MENTION OF STATEMENT OR CYPRUS.

4. COMMENT: WE QUESTION WHETHER BAYULKEN IN FACT MADE SUCH PROPOSAL SINCE BOTH HE AND KAVALLIERATOS WERE LAME DUCKS AT UNGA. GOVT HAS IN PAST SHOWN SIMILAR SENSITIVITY TO SUGGESTION THAT PATRON POWERS MAY INDEED CONSIDER TAKING INITIATIVE DIRECTLY WITHOUT CONSULTATION GREEK CYPRIOTS. IMPLICATIONS OF MARKEZINIS STATEMENT IN PARTICULAR ARE UNSETTLING FOR GREEK CYPRIOTS. END COMMENT GRANT

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